

Council Calls Zoning Case Back, Reverses Decision

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NEW SCHOOL TAX VOTE FEB. 14

Rate, Limits Under Study By Trustees

A second school override tax election was set for Feb. 14 by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday evening, climaxing two weeks of discussion and consideration of the matter.

However, further study will be given to the amount and time limit of the tax override, which follows a recently defeated 50-cent proposal.

The action followed a lively open hearing session in a crowded Board meeting room in which Bert M. Lynn, Torrance Planning Commission, made an appearance.

LYNN, WHO spearheaded a drive to defeat the first tax override proposal placed before the voters on Oct. 11, made additional complaints concerning what he termed exorbitant and non-educational spending by the school district.

Lynn's specific target was the "concrete umbrella" type of architecture at South High School.

He said that "five or six competent contractors estimated the costs of constructing the 13 umbrellas at more than \$100,000. How in the guise of education do these non-functional things educate our children?" he queried.

THE "UMBRELLAS," which are lunch patio concrete coverings measuring 21 feet 7 inches by 21 feet 7 inches each, were defended as necessary, economical, and functional by Dr. Barney Garen, who heads the school districts construction program.

School District figures showed that total cost of the 13 umbrellas, or "hyperbolic paraboloid" constructions totaled approximately \$30,000, or \$2311 each.

"ANYONE WHO says they cost \$100,000 simply does not know what he is talking about," Garen said in retort to Lynn's claim.

Garen noted that the paraboloid structure is relatively new to the United States, having been conceived in Mexico and Latin America. He added that the umbrella structures are popular in Mexican warehouse construction, "and can you imagine anything cheaper than a warehouse?"

Garen and Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said that contractors will verify that the paraboloids are actually less expensive than the usual connecting arcade type architecture, used in the past.

HULL AND Lynn exchanged verbal punches before the tense atmosphere was relieved when both shared a laugh.

"I do not like to have Mr. Lynn mix up the building program with the operating costs of the district. The whole

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Rezoning Case Heard Again, Denial Voted

The city council changed its collective mind and decided against rezoning a 10-acre tract of dairy property to permit residential use after voting last month to override the planning commission and rezone the area.

Action on the matter came at the meeting Tuesday evening when Planning Commission President Bert M. Lynn was permitted to speak on the case after it had once been voted to pass over the case and go on to the next order of business.

SAYING THAT he thought the matter should be given more study, Councilman George Vico asked to have the matter reconsidered. Lynn had warned that the rezoning would expose an additional 70 acres in the area to rezoning.

Lynn's appearance before the council on his own request was criticized by Councilman J. A. Beasley, who was back for the first time after suffering a heart attack this fall.

BEASLEY WAS particularly critical of what he called a "pressure move" with regard to the rezoning of the 10-acre parcel occupied by the Roger Jessup dairy on Del Amo Blvd. west of Madrona Ave.

James Cassidy, who resides in the Madrona School area, said the rezoning and subsequent development of apartment houses in the area would put the school back on double sessions, "and we just got our children off double sessions."

ON A SECOND vote, the council approved a motion to concur with the planning commission recommendation to deny the petition. Councilman Nick Draie, who described the area as unsuitable for industry, opposed the action.

In other action, the council reaffirmed an earlier decision to assess property in the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3 on an equitable basis rather than the usually applied front-foot basis. A large number of residents appeared at the meeting in protest to notices they had received which indicated that assessments would be made on a front-foot basis. Such notices were in error, it was indicated.

Fact and Contradiction (An Editorial)

How close next Tuesday's election will be can be anybody's guess. How close we are to a crisis in our future should be everybody's concern.

Modern presidential campaigns are too long, too hard on the candidates and the country at large, and become so involved that fact becomes buried in fancy and confusion reigns almost supreme. Yet it is the system under which we live and it demands more from the conscientious citizen who earnestly wants to vote right for his country.

The candidate who keeps his appeal completely reasonable and factual often travels a lonely campaign trail. The candidate, unfettered by his own contradictions and promises, rides along cheered by throngs who like oratorical promises of a utopia, who like phrases more than facts, and who will thoughtlessly trade ability for agility any day of the week.

Senator Kennedy has made a very able campaign if you admire the well heeled, well oiled machine variety of Boston, New York, Chicago, and Kansas City. Such machines rarely are slowed down by factual drag and more often are propelled to victory by catch words, slogans and promises.

Said Adlai Stevenson in Newsweek on Feb. 29, 1960: "The amount of money being spent on Kennedy's campaign is phenomenal, probably the highest amount of money spent on a campaign in history."

Said Sen. Hubert Humphrey on May 8, 1960: "My opponent and his campaign aides may feel it possible to buy a State, but they certainly can't hope to win by such tactics in November."

On Cuban policies, Sen. Kennedy said in a speech at Nashville, Tenn., on Sept. 22, 1960: "Those who say they will stand up to Mr. Khrushchev have demonstrated no ability to stand up to Mr. Castro."

But, on May 14, 1960, he appeared on a special television program in Washington, D. C., during which he made the following statements: "I think the Administration's policy is the right one . . . I would conduct our policy on the basis that it is being conducted. The situation could change at any time. There may sometime be another Castro in the mountains who is a democrat of conviction."

These contradictions of the Democratic campaign and its leaders deserve some thoughtful consideration by the voters next Tuesday. It is not to be assumed that all of the expediency has been practiced in the Kennedy campaign, but the Nixon appeal bares far more resemblance to fact for the thoughtful voter.

Furthermore, there is absolutely no substitute for experience. Nion and Lodge have the experience in domestic and world affairs that should recommend them to anyone aware of the crisis in choice next Tuesday.

Bids Due Dec. 15 for Local Link in San Diego Freeway

The State Division of Highways has called for bids on large scale freeway projects on the San Diego and Santa Monica Freeways in Torrance and Los Angeles.

Bids will be opened Dec. 15 in Los Angeles. A total of \$9,000,000 in state highway paving to construct 3.5 miles of eight-lane freeway between 174th St. in Torrance and 190th St. in Los Angeles.

The project on the San Diego Freeway involves grading and

New Zody's Department Store Opening is Today

A number of distinguished guests are scheduled to participate in ribbon-cutting ceremonies beginning at 9:30 a.m. today as the new Zody's Complete Self Service Department Store is opened for business at 182nd St. and Hawthorne Ave.

Richard H. Wolfe, vice president of Zody's department store chain, announced the opening of the new local store, adjacent to the South Bay Shopping Center. This is the second store to open this year in the multiple store chain projected for Southern California.

ISIDORE Brown has been appointed manager of the new Zody's which is opening today. He has been associated with one of the largest Eastern department store chains in an

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Retail Boom Under Way In City, Survey Shows

Only West Covina and Anaheim, in all California Cities from Fresno to the Mexican border, recorded a greater increase in retail sales than did Torrance in the past 10 years, according to a report issued by the Statistical Department of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

President R. S. Pyle said the figures, compiled from Security First National Bank records, indicate that Torrance sales increased a whopping 526.9 per cent in the 10-year period from 1948-58. To prove that the record is not a "fluke," Pyle pointed out that in the four-year span from 1954-58 Torrance retail sales figures increased 100.4 per cent.

WEST COVINA, boosted by a fantastic series of annexations, leads with an almost unbelievable 20,896 per cent. In addition to the annexations, the San Gabriel Valley city has enjoyed the benefits of the

huge Eastland Shopping Center, whereas the even larger Del Amo Shopping Center figures were not included in the 10-year total.

Anaheim, rapidly expanding Orange County city, edged Torrance out of second position by less than 7 per cent by recording a 533.8 per cent increase.

Other LA County cities increased on a much smaller scale than did this area's representatives. For example: Alhambra, 49; Burbank, 98.4; Compton, 106.8; Glendale, 56.8; Huntington Park, 35.2; Long Beach, 66.4; Los Angeles, 66.4; and Santa Monica, 52.8.

In summation, the report conclusively shows that retail trade in this area is far ahead of any section of Los Angeles County, or the nation, and that all indications point to an even greater retail boom in the "Soaring Sixties."

BY COMPARISON, the survey indicates that the total California increase is only 82.7 per cent; the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metropolitan Area 93.1 per cent, Los Angeles County 86.4 per cent, the San Francisco-Oakland Area 55 per cent, 11 Western States 72.3 per cent and the total United States 55 per cent.

PYLE ADDED that the entire Centinela-South Bay Area is moving forward with rapid strides, racking up records far ahead of other communities that have long held retail sales leads.

Manhattan Beach follows Torrance in this general area with 817.6 per cent, with the other area cities close behind as follows: El Segundo, 310 per cent; Hawthorne, 287.2 per cent; Redondo Beach, 274.9 per cent; Gardena, 265.5 per cent; Hermosa Beach, 161.9 per cent; and Inglewood, 112.7 per cent.

Two area residents died over the week end as a result of traffic accidents here, according to police and California Highway Patrol reports.

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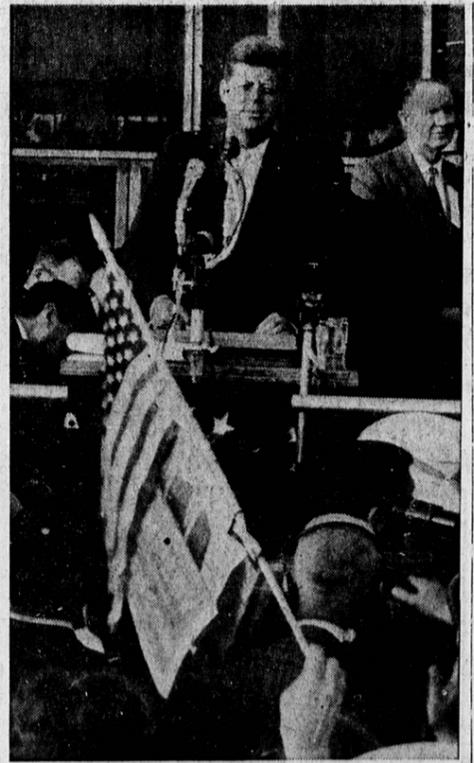
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KENNEDY IN SOUTH BAY SPEECH Crowds Mob Him at Center

Mob Greets Kennedy During Visit Here

Senator John Kennedy brought his campaign special into the South Bay Tuesday afternoon where a crowd estimated by police at about 30,000 persons heard him urge support for his campaign, saying "America is the last hope for the free world."

Motoring into the South Bay Shopping Center at Artesia and Hawthorne Ave., the Senator's entourage was about on schedule—except it took longer to get through the mammoth parking lot to the microphones than had been estimated.

Crowds started pouring in shortly after noon Tuesday, and one of the area's largest gatherings was on hand by 3 p.m. when Kennedy arrived.

He was introduced by State Senator Richard Richards, who had earlier introduced Governor Brown, Congressman

King, and other Democratic leaders of the Southland.

The crowd listened to Kennedy as experts from the Sheriff's bomb squad and other officers manned rooftops and other vantage points as a precautionary measure. Reports of written and phoned bomb threats were credited with the extraordinary security patrol.

Coffee Hour Set For Next Sunday

A coffee hour for Tom Coffey, Congressional candidate for election in the 17th District, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. LeFeuvre, 5525 Michael Dr., in the Southwood Estates behind the drive in theatre. Open house hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"At what age do you think parents should permit their children to smoke . . . or do you believe parents today have any say in the matter?"

Answering were: Mary Martinez, 1606 W. 259th Pl., Harbor City, student at Flavio Beauty College:

"I think that if parents were going to give their permission for their children to smoke, 18 would be a good age, and I do think parents have some say about it. If they do allow their children to smoke they usually have to buy them for them because I believe there is a law which prohibits the sale of cigarettes to minors."

Julia Gambeau, 21306 Perry St. student at Flavio Beauty College:

"I don't smoke myself and find it rather unpleasant being around those who do, especially in close quarters such as in a car, because it smells up your clothes so. And when I'm eating, I hate having the smoke from someone else's cigarette getting into my eyes and nose. I think it makes kids under 18 look ridiculous and silly."

Helen Carpenter, 3412 West 188th St., housewife:

"I don't think parents have much to say about it. If they did, I think 16 is the youngest a boy should be allowed to smoke. At that age, they are either a sophomore or junior in high school and have cars. They see others doing it so think they have to try it too."

Dick Fuscardo, 4807 Scott St., desk man at Santa Fe Bowl:

"I do think parents have something to say about whether their child smokes or not. I think when a child reaches the age of 20, they are on the verge of maturity and should be able to realize their own responsibilities. So, that is the age that a child should be before they are given permission to smoke, though many smoke long before that and later regret starting as young as they did, as it's very habit forming."

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